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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
NOBUHIRO YASUI ET AL. ) : Examiner: Holly C. Rickman  
Application No.: 10/656,242 ) : Group Art Unit: 1773  
Filed: September 8, 2003 ) :  
For: FUNCTION DEVICE AND METHOD )  
FOR MANUFACTURING THE :  
SAME, PERPENDICULAR )  
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, :  
MAGNETIC RECORDING/ )  
REPRODUCTION APPARATUS :  
AND INFORMATION PROCESS )  
APPARATUS : July 14, 2005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

(a) Introductory Comments

In response to the final Office Action dated April 14, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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